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Title: *System, Computer Program Product, and Method for Recording and Analysing Performance Data*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the amended claims presented in the above-identified application on 14 September 2001, please enter the following preliminary amendment before calculating any fees:

In The Specification

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Please add the following paragraph to the State of the Art section at page 2, line

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WO 97/42/588 to Westgard relates to a method for automating the selection of a quality control procedure for analytical or clinical samples. According to the proposed method, a database of theoretical operating characteristics is provided, which operating characteristics can be described in terms of probabilities for acceptance of rejecting of samples as a function of errors in a method of measurement. An observed performance